

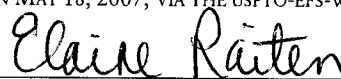
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**AMENDMENT**

This Amendment is responsive to the final Office Action mailed on November 20, 2006, and includes the following sections:

1. Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2.
2. Remarks/Arguments, beginning on page 5.

The following documents are also enclosed with this response:

1. Request for Three-Month Extension of Time
2. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

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